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SUBJECT: PLO EX COMM TO MEET MARCH 15 TO DISCUSS SYRIAN-
PALESTINIAN JOINT COMMAND

REF: DAMASCUS 966

1. DAMASCUS PRESS REPORTED MARCH 14 THAT ACCORDING TO
PLO SOURCES ARAFAT WILL CONVENE MEETING OF PLO EX COMM
MARCH 15 TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN
JOINT COMMAND. REPORTS STATED THAT ARAFAT HAD MET
WITH PRESIDENT ASAD AFTERNOON MARCH 13 TO DISCUSS
CURRENT M.E. SITUATION.

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2. DAMASCUS PRESS HAS TRUMPETED WIDE SUPPORT FOR ASAD'S PROPOSAL. MARCH 14 AL-BAATH REPORTED THAT KUWAIT HAD WELCOMED PROPOSAL AND AL-THAWRAH FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE DAY PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WITH DIFFERENT PLO EX COMM MEMBER, THIS TIME "HAMID ABU SINNA" (PROBABLY HAMID ABU SITTA) ENDORSING JOINT COMMAND PROPOSAL. ABU SINNA STATED THAT "THE FORM ON WHICH THIS COMMAND WILL BE ESTABLISHED IS OF NO IMPORTANCE BECAUSE WE AND SYRIA ARE PURSUING ONE GOAL." HE URGED A "DETAILED BUT QUICK" STUDY OF PROPOSAL BY SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS SEPARATELY, FOLLOWED BY JOINT MEETINGS TO PUT IT INTO EFFECT."

3. COMMENT: PARA 1 APPEARS TO BEAR OUT LIBYAN AMBASSADOR'S REPORT OF YESTERDAY (REFTEL).
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